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The English as Losers.
Suppose Dewey, instead of promptly sending the Spanish fleet to the bottom in Manila bay, had only crippled it, and in doing so had crippled himself. Suppose, instead of the inspiring news he sent, he had called for reinforcements and announced that he was holding on with great difficulty pending their arrival.

Suppose that Cervera had escaped with one or two of his best ships from Santiago and outfitted Sampson's fleet, leaving the Americans to guess again as to his destination and intentions. Suppose that Spain had then started her reserve fleet across the Atlantic instead of for Manila through the Suez canal.

Suppose that Shafter had failed, or been protractedly halted, in front of Santiago, losing heavily to the enemy in engagements, and to death from fever in his camp. Suppose he had called for help from home instead of calling on the enemy to surrender.

Suppose it had been decided necessary to land troops also near Havana, and they had been repulsed with heavy loss while trying to carry intrenchments upon which the Spaniards had spent time and care and money.

How would a beginning like that have affected us? How, in particular, would the anti-administration people have acted? How vigorous would have been their demand for this official head and that, and how much would it have increased the activity of the curbsome strategy boards?

We should have gone on, of course, and in the end have won, but our course, and the broken successes, undoubtedly saved us from much turmoil here at home.

This is to be remembered in considering the present state of feeling in England. Upon the whole, it must be admitted that the English are carrying themselves well in an hour of discouragement. Their pride is wounded, but they are showing no panic.

Why Not, Mr. Bryant?
Of course, a United States senatorship, coming as an appointment, or for that matter, by election, would not at this time confer any special distinction on Mr. Bryant.

But Mr. Bryant aspires to a greater office—to the greatest of offices—and anything less than that suffers by comparison in his appraisal. Euclid would be first, or nowhere.

But if the senatorship would confer no distinction, might it not in his case bring opportunity? Might he not utilize it in his pursuit of the presidency? The country, it is true, has never gone to the Senate for a President. General Garfield was only a senator-elect when he was chosen.

But Mr. Bryant would enter the Senate under such circumstances, and at a time so propitious for leadership, that he could afford to forget this rule.

To explain the Senate, immediately after the holidays, or very soon thereafter, will take up the financial question. There is democratic leadership in that body, but no such leadership as Mr. Bryan would in person supply. Think of how the debate would be enlivened! Think of how tightly and authoritatively the lines under his dramatic effect of his offering at the close of the debate—no doubtless he would offer a free coinage bill, pure and simple, as a substitute for the pending gold standard measure!

Then on the question of expansion, or imperialism, or Caesarism, or what you will, that question will speedily follow the financial question; and what additional interest would attach to it with Mr. Bryant, the democratic leader, speaking for the democratic party, and marshaling the votes in line? Who would draw back at such a time, and under his eye? What doubt could attach after he had spoken to the democratic attitude and duty?

It is really a great opportunity. It calls for courage and eloquence and all that, but Mr. Bryant is the embodiment of those qualities. He has no difficulty in finding his voice. He is but seldom a trimmer. As a rule he speaks out. He wants to be President, and his choice now is between an ante-convention campaign on the stump and the lecture platform, and the floor of the Senate with a commission in his hand. He is a familiar figure in the two former fields. A change to the latter would be of itself be at least pleasing to the country.

In spite of the predictions that he was to retire from active political work, Senator Hanna does not mind saying that the date for the Republican convention will probably be Tuesday, June 12.

If the Republican party does not believe Washington is not a safe place for a convention, it can ask the Christian Endeavor Society.

Emperor William desires would place the empire close to the naval rank of France, provided the latter meanwhile stood still. It would carry Germany beyond Russia and the United States in tonnage. It would cost many millions, seriously swelling the total of naval expenditures entered upon since the present emperor's reign began. It is estimated that William's eight years of rule have trebled the naval budgets over the eight years preceding, and the national debt has been also trebled since the death of the present emperor's grandfather in 1888.

The various opposition groups have never approved this steady increase in the national burdens and have regularly been threatening to raise the issue of policy in a manner to force a decision by the people. Hence the emperor has been in a large measure successful in securing a part, at least, of his naval projects without bringing the opposition to a crisis. This new program is more ambitious and frankly expressed than those which have preceded it, and it may be that it will precipitate the long-delayed clash between the throne and the legislature.

Methuen Repulsed.
General Methuen has suffered a reverse north of Modder's river, which adds to the gloom overhanging the British military situation in South Africa. His report of the fighting of Monday is capable of only one construction, that the Boers, being intrenched, have proved immovable with the force of Kimberley. A few days ago, and Methuen's task seemed certain of success. Cronje, however, has made good use of the interval following the fight at the river and has withdrawn enough troops from before Kimberley to give him a powerful force. General Methuen has found his way blocked by a determined foe, fighting behind trenches and shrewd enough to cope with any of the British maneuvers.

So here are two sharp British defeats within a few days. The dispatches from London state that England now looks to General Buller to retrieve the British fortunes. He has withheld his attack upon Joubert's army before Ladysmith so long that it is to be assumed he is making sure of his ground. But his problem is very much like that of Methuen in the west. He must take the offensive and advance against a foe who has had time enough to entrench himself. The issue of this fight in Natal will be watched with breathless interest. But little can now be expected of Methuen or of Gatacre with their present forces, unless they unite. There is no likelihood that Methuen can do with a crippled army.

He reports that his losses were shown, what he could not do before it was crippled. Nor is there assurance that Gatacre can do better immediately against the enemy whose numbers he previously underestimated so seriously.

The great trouble with the British campaign in South Africa is that there is a large waste of material. Thousands of men are virtually useless at Mafeking, at Kimberley and at Ladysmith, awaiting relief. The troops advancing to aid them are fighting against heavy odds. The situation is clearly growing very serious, and it will require a steady hand in London and a stout heart in Africa to avoid catastrophe.

The Insurgents as Outlaws.
There is a suggestion in some of the news dispatches that the army in Luzon is in some embarrassment to know what to do with the insurgents who are captured with arms in their hands. Thus far all such have been regarded as prisoners of war, and treated accordingly. Now, however, they are little more than mere bandits, without organization, without status, virtually without a leader. When they shoot and kill they commit murder, and are beyond the pale of the usages of warfare which spares the life of the soldier taken on the field. Gen. Otis in one of his reports recently mentioned the insurgents as having become brigands. It will be important to note the progression of this thought. If it be carried to its logical and legitimate conclusion proclamations will be posted throughout the islands notifying all such law-breakers and bandits that the punishment for their offense is death. But it is a question of policy whether it would be wise to resort to this extreme, particularly in view of possible reprisals upon American soldiers who are captured. It is still possible to reduce the number of insurgents by a more judicious policy. Every day discloses some progress toward this end. Today's report from Gen. Otis notes the capture of an important insurgent officer, the surrender of a province and the destruction of Aguinaldo's body guard. It would be far better to accomplish the pacification of Luzon without resort to the ordinary course of punishment for outlaws.

After a few more months the insurgents will persist in remaining in the field as bandits, despite the steady growth of the American influence. It may be advisable to proclaim them as amenable to the extreme punishment.

Success in Providence.
The housing of a newspaper is, as a rule, indicative of its degree of success. This is at least true in the case of the Providence Evening Telegram, which, ten years ago, occupied a very small, meager establishment and now, with one change meanwhile, has moved to a magnificent new building equipped with every known improvement. The Telegram office is a contribution to the material beauty of Providence, as the Telegram itself represents the enterprise and activity of not only the city but of the whole state. It is entitled to hearty congratulations upon its success and the ability to provide itself with commensurate quarters for the transaction of its growing business.

John L. Sullivan is possibly waiting to get accurately informed about the popular side of the Boer war before offering a sequel to the speech in which he expressed an ambition to go and fight Spain single handed.

Mr. Depew's senatorial dignities will, of course, prevent his responding to a certain feeling that a few house-cleaning and moving day pleasures might be proper under the circumstances.

The German emperor when looking for adverse comments on himself need not go so far as an American private banquet. He can stop at the reichstag.

It would be very difficult to convince France that it is any worse to guillotine people than it is to lynch them.

Preparing for a Great Event.
Modern astronomers have a distinct advantage over their predecessors in the science, particularly in the matter of observing eclipses and similarly rare phenomena. Even in recent times costly expeditions have been dispatched to far-distant corners of the earth to observe scheduled freaks of the heavenly bodies and, when the time has come, the skies have been overcast and the outlay of time and treasure has been in vain. There will be a total eclipse of the sun May 28 next, visible in the southeastern part of this country. It is the intention of the sky-gazers that they should not be cheated out of this exhibition, which may be observed as near home, if precaution will avoid disappointment. Accordingly the chief of the weather bureau has for some time been taking notes in anticipation of the affair. He has sought to learn, by observation, what are the chances for a clear sky along the path of the shadow of totality when it comes creeping over the land from the Mississippi delta through lower Alabama, middle Georgia, northern South Carolina, eastern North

Carolina and southeastern Virginia. Of course there are other places where the sun's light will be partially obscured in this country. But astronomers never bother themselves with fragments of an eclipse when there is a "total" to be seen. Consequently the scientific interest of Prof. Moore's inquiry, conducted directly by Prof. Bigelow, rests with those places where the sun's light will be absolutely blotted out on the morning of the 28th of May. The work has been carefully done. Observers, a multitude of places within the totality belt have sent in data as to the condition of the sky between May 15 and June 15 of the closing year. These data have been reduced to complex percentages, which seem to afford ground for a reasonable hope on the part of the astronomers that their view of the corona will not be spoiled by clouds. Indeed, so flattering are the assurances of a clear sky that it is easy to foresee a dense population of telescopes bearing observers stretched across country from the mouth of the Mississippi to the mouth of the Chesapeake on the morning of that dark day in May. In point of preparedness there is every indication that the great American eclipse of 1900 will be managed in a record-breaking manner, perhaps to the astonishment of the old world, which suffers at such seasons from the lack of a model weather bureau, working in harmony with the astronomical department.

Col. Bryan finds some embarrassment in his monopoly of the speech making talent in his party. A man cannot be expected to pronounce his own eulogy at a nomination.

Either the beer-drinking habits of the Boers have been exaggerated or else there is some mistake about the theory that the beverage makes people sluggish.

Mr. Roberts will not be expected to let come with any of the Christmas shopping. M. Bertillon's recent performances prevent any chance of his being invited to join in the expert carnival in the Mollineux case.

The capture of Aguinaldo's body guard may ensure a number of tired Filipinos to get some much needed rest.

SHOOTING STARS.
An Era of Doubt.
"I guess I'll throw it away," said the fair girl despondently.
"What are you going to throw away?"
"My autograph album. Affairs are getting so that people don't believe in any signatures until you have called in a whole lot of handwriting experts."

To the Gentle Asiatic.
We've got to civilize you right, Mayhap, we'll have to hurt you. We'll blow you up with dynamite. And afterward convert you.

Behind Their Backs.
"You have moved three times this winter."
"Yes," answered young Mrs. Torkins with a sigh. "It was a dreadful lot of work, but we had to do it. We have had so much trouble with servants. When I discharged them they got angry and when Charley discharged them they just laughed. So the only thing to do was to wait till their attention out and move to another neighborhood."

Violations of Tradition.
"Discharge the stage manager!" shouted the proprietor of a show.
"What has he done?"
"He has disregarded the first principles of his art. He has permitted the low comedian to appear without a red wig and let the man who plays the banker come on without side whiskers!"

In Case of Anger.
"Never say a word when you find your gittin' angry," said Mr. Dolan. "Remember, silence is golden."
"It's the good rule," answered Mr. Rafferty. "Waste no words; smash 'em in."

Exonerated.
I told you 'bout my Uncle Jim—
"Twas several years ago—
Of how you'd ought to go to him
For things you didn't know.
But you was obstinate and stiff;
You snubbed him once or twice;
He would have saved you trouble if
He'd asked for his advice.
He fought with several warm'n' screeds
To catch the public eye,
Describin' all our human needs,
An' signed 'Vox Populi.'
He showed 'em what they had to dread;
They didn't seem dismayed;
The public simply went ahead
An' calmly disobeyed.

I told him that he orter git
Hissel a shiny hat
An' start to feedin' up a bit,
To look more sleek an' fat.
But he kep' arguin' away
An' stydin' a lot
An' when he'd said his little say
They smiled an' then forgot.

So Uncle Jim, he ain't to blame
For all these doin's now.
South Africa with skies aflame;
This Philippi row.
I'm very much inclined to say,
When signs of peace grow dim,
Folks wouldn't be so skeered if they
Had minded Uncle Jim.

The South's Salvation.
From the Louisville Courier-Journal.
The one great hope of the southern people, particularly the people of the cotton states, lies through the open door to the Pacific—all the vastness of the continent, all the vastness of the Pacific—shortens our journey toward the grandeur and the glory of the West. The one great hope of the southern people, particularly the people of the cotton states, lies through the open door to the Pacific—all the vastness of the continent, all the vastness of the Pacific—shortens our journey toward the grandeur and the glory of the West. The one great hope of the southern people, particularly the people of the cotton states, lies through the open door to the Pacific—all the vastness of the continent, all the vastness of the Pacific—shortens our journey toward the grandeur and the glory of the West.

The Gold Standard.
From the Chicago Post.
In fine, gold is now everywhere the standard, made such not by legislation, but by necessity and industrial progress. Yet there are men who insist that the United States, the richest and most enterprising of all, ought to descend to the silver level. But this agitation is vain. Mr. Hartington's assaults upon the Atlantic were a triumph of practical sense when compared with the 16 to 1 proposition. We have the gold standard, and it should be reaffirmed and safe-guarded against all attacks. It will be, for we have made a tremendous advance since 1896, when politicians committed to gold were afraid to use the term except in a whisper and with bated breath.

Nothing but Bombast.
From the Cleveland Leader.
The whole country will soon realize what the greater part of it has recognized all along, that the pretensions of Aguinaldo and his confederates are nothing but bombast and extravagance learned from the Spanish, and that the so-called struggle for freedom in Luzon is merely the foolishly reckless uprising of an unscrupulous ambitious leader, with the dream of absolute dictatorship in his head, backed by a half civilized, warlike tribe, who have been deceived as to the intentions of the United States.

The Tragedy in the Philippines.
From the Milwaukee Wisconsin.
Aguinaldo seems to have reached that part of the play where, if he is discovered, he will be lost.

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